Boston, Dec. 15, 1848.

Dear Friend:

You are aware that the prevalent superstition in regard to the holiness of the first day of the week has been found a mighty obstacle in the path of every reform, and that it is the stronghold of priestcraft, and of a pharisaical religion. The most vigorous and systematic measures are in operation to strengthen that superstition, and to make its yoke heavier upon the necks of the people. You are also aware, that, in order to do something towards counteracting these measures, disseminating rational views on the subject, and thus comprehensively aiding every reformatory enterprise, an Anti-Sabbath Convention was held in Boston, in March last. The speeches made on the occasion by Theodore Parker, Lucretia Mott, C. C. Burleigh, H. C. Wright, Parker Pillsbury, and others, embraced every important aspect of this ~~subject~~ great question, and were marked by great ability. These were reported expressly for publication by a skillful phonographer, and with the entire proceedings, the call for the Convention, and a valuable Appendix, containing the views of Luther, Melancthon, Calvin, Tyndale, Paley, Fox, Barclay, Belsham, Whateley, &c., were published in a handsome pamphlet, noting pages. From the excitement produced by the Convention, among the clergy and the religious journals, and the interest that seemed to be awakening among reformers on this subject, the Committee on Publication were led to suppose that a large edition would be easily disposed of — certainly, in the course of a few months. Accordingly, they concluded to print 2000 copies; but only a small number has been sold, (surely, not because the pamphlet is not deserving of the widest circulation,) leaving the sum of two hundred dollars still due to the printers, Messrs. Andrews & Prentiss, who have already kindly

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waited eight months for their pay, but who cannot do so any longer, being severely pressed for money to meet their bills. As I contracted for the printing of the work, they naturally look to me to liquidate the debt. This I would cheerfully do, out of my own pocket, if I had the means; but I am unable to meet my own liabilities, as the receipts of the Liberator have fallen off considerably the present year. What is to be done? Among the many false charges brought against us anti-sabbatarians, is there to be a true one, that we are unable or unwilling to pay for the printing we have had done on contract?

My object in writing to you is, to solicit your co-operation in cancelling the debt alluded to, getting other friends to join with you, if you can, for this purpose. — Thirty copies of the work will be given in return for $5,— and a similar proportion will be observed in regard to a larger or smaller sum. They can be distributed to good advantage, and cannot grow out of date while the Sabbath is a matter of controversy.

Aid me, if you can, in this exigency, by enclosing what money you can raise in a letter addressed either to me or to Robert F. Wallcut, the Treasurer of the Anti-Sabbath Convention, immediately. The pamphlets, to the amount of the money, at cost price, can be forwarded to you by express, or disposed of as you shall direct.

Yours, for mental and spiritual freedom,

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